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THREE CHARGED WITH COUNTERFEITING CONSPIRACY

PHILADELPHIA – Acting United States Attorney Laurie Magid today announced the filing of an Indictment¹ against Cesar Rodriguez-Diaz, Freddy Caraballo-Del Rosario, and Laney Payero. The indictment charges Rodriguez, Caraballo, and Payero with one count of conspiracy, one count of counterfeiting U.S. currency, and one count of passing counterfeit U.S. currency. Specifically, the indictment charges that, on May 25, 2008, the defendants engaged in a scheme in which they made counterfeit United States currency, purchased more than \$4,000 in electronics items at the Wal-Mart store in Temple, Pennsylvania with the counterfeit currency, and attempted to obtain cash refunds for the electronic items purchased earlier the same day with the counterfeit currency.

INFORMATION REGARDING THE DEFENDANTS

NAME	ADDRESS	AGE
Cesar Rodriguez-Diaz	Reading, Pennsylvania	22
Freddy Caraballo-Del Rosario	Bronx, New York	19
Laney Payero	Reading, Pennsylvania	19

If convicted, the defendants each face a maximum possible sentence of 45 years imprisonment, a \$750,000 fine, up to three years of supervised release, and \$300 in special assessments.

The case was investigated by the United States Secret Service, and it has been assigned to Assistant United States Attorney Joseph F. Minni.

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